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RESOLVED, THAT it be recommended to the several states, to make provision for soldiers or seamen who have been disabled in the service of the United States, in the following manner viz.

1. A complete list shall be made out by such person or persons as the supreme executive in each state shall direct, of all the officers, soldiers or seamen resident in their respective states, who have served in the army or navy of the United States, or in the militia in the service of the United States, and have been disabled in such service, by wounds or otherwise, so as to be incapable of military duty, or of obtaining a livelihood by labour. In which list shall be expressed the age, wound or other disability of each invalid, also the regiment, corps or ship to which he belonged, and a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the office of the secretary in the war department, within one year after each state shall pass a law for this purpose.
2. No officer, soldier or seamen, shall be considered as an invalid, or entitled to pay, unless he can produce a certificate or document from the commanding officer or surgeon of the regiment, ship, corps or company in which he served, or from a physician surgeon of

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a military hospital or other good and sufficient testimony, setting forth his inability, and that he was thus disabled while in the service of the United States.

3. That each state appoint an inspector, of medical abilities, to examine all claimants, and to report whether the person producing a document or certificate, setting forth that he is an invalid, be such in fact, and if such to what pay he is entitled, comparing his condition with that of a person who is entirely disabled; and thereupon, the persons appointed to make such enquiry, shall give a certificate to the invalid, and transmit a counterpart to the person who may be appointed by the state to receive and record the same.

4. That each state be authorized to pay to noncommissioned officers and privates of the above description who have been disabled in service, the sum of five dollars per month and to commissioned officers a yearly pension equal to half of their pay while in service; or they shall be authorized to make such other allowance, not exceeding the sum mentioned, to noncommissioned officers and privates as may be judged necessary by the states respectively, to enable said persons to obtain a livelihood. Said payments to be deducted from the respective quotas of the states for the year on which they shall be made. Provided that no officer who has accepted his commutation for half pay, shall be entered on the list of invalids, unless he shall have first returned his commutation.

5. That any state may form such invalids under the aforesaid description, as are citizens of the same, and are capable of garrison duty, into corps, to be employed in guarding military stores or prisoners, aiding the police, or otherwise as the state may direct.

6. That when invalids shall be formed into corps, there be quarterly returns, comprehending age, wound or other disability, regiment, ship or corps to which he formerly belonged, made out and signed by their commanding officer and transmitted as aforesaid, that their pay may be ordered according to said return,

7. That all invalids, as well those formed into corps, as those who are not, shall annually apply themselves to a magistrate of the country in which they reside or may be stationed,

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and make the following oath, viz. A.B. came before me, one of the justices for the country of in the state of and made oath, that he was examined by appointed by the said state (or commonwealth) for that purpose, obtained a certificate, or had his certificate examined and countersigned, setting forth that he had served in that he received a wound in or was disabled by and that he now lives in the and in the country of

8. That the affidavit drawn according to the above form, and dated and attested by a magistrate, be sent by said magistrate, to the person or persons appointed by the state, to receive and record the same, and that a counterpart of said affidavit, be preserved by the invalid, to be exhibited to such persons as shall be appointed by the state to pay them.